[Mr. K. P. Kochukora Tharakan.]

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon till now and at what stage the matter stands at present; and

(*c*) whether any request has been made to the authorities concerned for surveying the said ryot's road by the Surveyor of the P. W. Department and preparing a plan thereof?

MR. M. S. DORASWAMI AIYANGAR : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The petitioners were informed that the road would be taken up for departmental maintenance after cutting it as per the ryots' road rules.

(*c*) There was an oral request to the Executive Engineer.

Issue of licenses for foreign-made guns.

205. ❊ **MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have made any rule or given any direction to District Magistrates prohibiting the issue of licenses for foreign-made guns in any particular part of the State; and

(*b*) whether any District Magistrate has refused renewal in 1115 of any license on the ground that the license applied for is for foreign-made guns?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: (*a*) No.

(*b*) Yes.

MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM: In answer to part (*b*) may I know whether any person is permitted to use a foreign-made gun?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: There is no such prohibition.

MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM: Then why is it that some of the District Magistrates refuse to give licenses for the use of foreign-made guns?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: Because they might not have produced a permit from the Game Association, Peermade.

Sub-Treasury at Chengannur.

206. ❊**MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Land Revenue Commissioner on behalf of the Government has undertaken during the last Budget Session of the Sri Mulam Assembly, to take steps for the establishment of a Sub-Treasury at Chengannur; and

(*b*) the steps taken by the Government or the Land Revenue Commissioner in the matter?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: (*a*) No. The Land Revenue Commissioner had only stated that the matter was engaging the attention of Government.

(*b*) Government have decided that the question of opening a Sub-Treasury at Chengannur may lie over for the present.

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MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know from Government the reason for the decision that the question of opening a Sub-Treasury at Chengannur may lie over for the present?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: The reason for such a decision is purely on account of the financial stringency.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know whether the ex-Land Revenue Commissioner has submitted a report regarding the urgent necessity for the establishment of a Sub-Treasury at Chengannur?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: Reports from officers of Government are confidential.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know whether that officer had actually submitted a report? I do not make any request to know about the details of that report.

PRESIDENT: The honourable member did. But now he withdraws it.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know whether the ex-Land Revenue Commissioner had submitted a report to Government to the effect that one of the magistrates may be entrusted with treasury work?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: That the report is confidential has been referred to by me.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: Then May I know the approximate cost of opening a sub treasury at Chengannur per annum?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: Rs. 3400 per annum.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know whether Government had taken into consideration the question that there are two Magistrates' Courts at Chengannur and whether one of them can be entrusted with the duty of the treasury work?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: Government have fully considered that question.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: Then may I know the decision arrived at by Government in that matter?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: It is not possible to entrust the Magistrates with the duty of Treasury Officers.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know the reason for that?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: Having regard to the pendency in the files of the two Magistrates' Courts, treasury work cannot be tacked on to them.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know the number of cases that were pending at the end of 1114 in the file of the second class Magistrate's Court at Chengannur?

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MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: The information is not available at present.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know, what were the reasons which weighed with Government to answer that the files of the Magistrates' Courts are such that they cannot be entrusted with treasury work?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: That is due to the average number of cases during the last two or three years.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know the average number of cases on the file of the Second Class Magistrate's Court for the last three years?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: If the member would kindly see me during the lunch interval, I shall give him the necessary information. I have not got the information ready.

Construction of sheds in the Perumbavur Vegetable Market.

207. *MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether any steps have been taken for constructing sheds in the Perumbavur vegetable market, in pursuance of the statement of the Land Revenue Commissioner in the last Budget Session that a certain amount had been sanctioned for that purpose; and

(*b*) if so, what those steps are and at what stage the matter stands at present?

MR. M. RAMACHANDRA RAO: (*a*) and (*b*) No, as it was too late then for the P. W. D. to execute the work. The necessary funds have now been provided for the work and the P. W. D. has instructions to carry out the same this year itself.

Amendments to Rules 508 (3), 510 and 511 of the Civil Courts Guide.

208. *MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR (*Tovala* cum *Agastiswaram*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the High Court Registrar has issued a notification in the Government Gazette dated the 22nd August 1939 /6th Chingam 1115 regarding certain amendments to Rules 508 (3), 510 and 511 of the Civil Courts Guide:

(*b*) the purpose of making such amendments; and

(*c*) whether the minimum work prescribed was turned out in the month of Kanni 1115 by the Judges and Munsiffs in the Nagercoil Court?

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